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SUBJECT: HALF-SPEED TELEX LEASE

REF: STATE 170234

1. WE HAVE MISGIVINGS ABOUT HALF-SPEED TELEX TRANSMISSION TO AND FROM FORT LAMY AND WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT THESE CONSIDERATIONS:

(A) DURING PRESENT CRITICAL SAHELIAN DROUGHT, WE SEND AND RECEIVE HIGHER THAN USUAL VOLUME OF HIGH PRECEDENCE TRAFFIC. SITUATION IS LIKELY TO BECOME MORE SERIOUS OVER NEXT MONTHS AND OPERATIONAL MESSAGES TO INCREASE IN NUMBER AND PRECEDENCE.

(B) WE ALSO HAVE DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE WITH USAF AIRCRAFT AND RECEIVE AND SEND HIGH PRECEDENCE TRAFFIC, SOME OF IT LONG MESSAGES CRITICAL TO FLYING OPERATIONS OR CONDITIONS.

(C) WITH PRESENT FULL-SPEED TELEX, USUALLY AVAILABLE WITHIN A FEW MINUTES OF OUR REQUEST, WE ARE NONETHELESS OPERATING AS MUCH AS SIX HOURS A DAY, MORE THAN HALF OF WHICH IS FOR INCOMING TRAFFIC. BECAUSE MACHINE MUST BE MONITORED WHILE IN OPERATION THIS NEW ARRANGEMENT WOULD REQUIRE ATTENDANCE FOR AS MUCH AS 12 HOURS A DAY. IT WOULD SERIOUSLY HAMPER THE SENDING OF HIGH PRECEDENCE MESSAGES.

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OPERATIONAL MESSAGES. MOREOVER, SINCE MANY TELEGRAPHIC MESSAGES

ARE DRAFTED AS REPLIES TO INCOMING ONES, OR REFLECT
CONSULTATIONS WITH GOC AND OTHER OFFICIALS DURING WORKDAY,
AND GIVEN THE FACT THAT WE KNOW THAT MESSAGES LEAVING HERE AT OR
NEAR COB CAN ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON EARLY IN WORKING DAY, WE
WOULD WITH HALF-SPEED TRANSMISSION FIND OURSELVES STRETCHING OUR
DAY EVEN LONGER.

2. BECAUSE WE HAVE HAD NO EXPERIENCE WITH HALF-SPEED LEASES WE
YIELD TO DEPARTMENT'S JUDGMENT, BUT PROSPECT OF HALF-SPEED
RUNNING OF TELEX IN THIS BUSY PLACE SEEMS SOMEHOW OFF THE
PACE.
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